



Getting in Tune!

Time and time again, research shows that playing a musical instrument helps you perform better at school and work. It strengthens your brain,

develops problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, and improves your ability to communicate more effectively. Learning music can also improve self-confidence and help students excel in science, reading, and math.

Our brains love to learn something new. Just 30 minutes of training can positively affect brain patterns, enhance verbal memory, positively impact one's reading ability and executive functions, as well as, strengthen brain circuits.

Please encourage your son/daughter to participate fully in music class, and if they have the opportunity to learn an instrument, embrace it full-heartedly! Important to note is that it is never too late to start! No matter what age you are, you will reap the benefits of learning an instrument!

Erika Skala Black
Principal

Dates to Remember:

October 1-5 th	Turkey Trot
October 5 th	Turkey Assembly & Terry Fox Run
October 8 th	Thanksgiving Day
October 9 th	Picture Day
October 12 th	Jersey Spirit Day!
October 26 th	PA Day
October 31st	Black/Orange Day /Dress up Halloween Games & Dances



The TURKEY TROT Has Begun!

Encourage your child to run laps during first recess October. 1 - 5. Each lap earns them a ticket to enter in a draw for a Thanksgiving turkey! Run, Run, Run!

Math Facts and Multiplication Tables are Important!

A student who masters their math facts and multiplication tables has a much easier time persevering with math problems in school. A solid recall of multiplication tables builds a student's confidence and decreases their cognitive load which allows them continuity of thought when solving problems.

Help your child learn their skip counting, math facts, and multiplication tables through card games, quizzing in the car, and posing questions when grocery shopping. We all memorize through repetition. Learning their facts now will help them immensely in years to come! By the end of grade 3, students should know their times tables up to and including 7×7 , and by grade 7, their 12 times tables.

Talking about money is also important. Ask your child to round off the cost of items and estimate the total of your shopping basket. The more conversations you have about money (e.g., Is \$10 enough to pay for everything? How much change will you get?) the more comfortable they will become working with numbers.

2018-2019

Student Leaders

We have a fabulous group of intermediate students who have stepped up and formed this year's student leadership team! Their leadership and school spirit is appreciated! We are sure to see some fun spirit days in 2018-19!

Our Student Parliament:

Prime Minister - Sam Richter

Deputy Prime Minister - Hope O'Rourke

Minister of Spirit - Jadyne Heath

Ministers of Sport - Daniel Clarke, Keara Peace-Hall

Minister of Communication - Kara Smith

Minister of the Environment - Missy Brown

Grade Reps: Braeden Woollings, Phoenix Williams,

Oliver Walsh, Leah Richter, Shane Buitenhuis,

Kurtis Kingshott, Tanner Heath, Nate Perry





Vipers Attack the Trails at Arrowhead

The V.K. Greer Vipers were well represented by 36 students at the annual cross country run at

Arrowhead Provincial Park. The event, hosted by the Hoya's Cross Country Running team, saw approximately 600 racers compete in events for grades one through twelve. Mr. Marshall and Ms. Humphrey would like to thank the team for being great ambassadors and role models.

The Vipers had many top twenty finishes and all our students who participated finished with a smile on their face. Thank you to all the parents who showed up to cheer on and step in to help our students have a very positive, exciting and enjoyable day.

Dining out?

Dining out at Kelsey's in Huntsville or Boston Pizza in Huntsville or Bracebridge? Simply deposit your receipt in the box at the host stand with "VK Greer" clearly printed on the back. The restaurant will then donate a percentage back to us!



Halloween Activities Wednesday, October 31st

Grades 1-3	10:00 - 10:25	primary dance
Grades 4-5	12:00 - 12:30	games
Grades 6-8	2:00 - 3:00	intermediate dance

Parents are welcome to join us!

Picture Day...

is Tuesday, October 9th. That's the first school day after Thanksgiving weekend. There will also be a retake day on Thursday, November 8th.

2018-19 School Council Executive

Thank you to all who attended our meeting on September 24th. This year's executive is:

Chair - Jennie Seward

Treasurer - Lisa Menard

Secretary - Amanda Asmussen

Healthy Snack Coordinator - Tamara Hrbak

We thank all of you, as well as the Parent Members, for helping our council support VK and continue to make it the great school that it is! Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:30 pm in the library. New parents are always welcome!

Food Allergies at VK Greer

Just a reminder to everyone that VK Greer is a *Peanut Safe* school. We have several students and staff at our school with life-threatening allergies. Please **DO NOT** send any nut products to school. This includes simulated or imitation nut products such as WOW Butter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

Meeting & Membership

Join us on Tuesday October 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Library. New participants always welcome!

To receive School Council emails, just sign up as an e-Council Member using the Self-Nomination form. (Available in the school office.) It's a great way to stay in the loop!

Other School Council Events / Dates / Info

Scrap Metal & E-Waste: donations made to All Ontario Recycling (AOR) this year will go towards graduation costs.

Goods Swap: Saturday November 10th – this is your opportunity to donate and/or gather up **FREE** items for your family!



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<https://www.mabelsfundraising.com/campaigns/14338-vk-greer>